

Remarks

In response to the November 30, 2004 election of species requirement, the species shown in Fig. 1 is elected for prosecution. Claims 1-5, 7-13, 15-18, 21, and 23-26 are readable on this elected species.

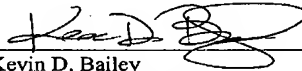
Claim 9 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein. Claim 23 is amended to change "spreading means" to "leg spreader" without narrowing the scope of claim 23.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any outstanding issues to expedite prosecution of this application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees be charged, or any overpayment in fees be credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435 with reference to file 20341-72797.

Respectfully submitted,

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